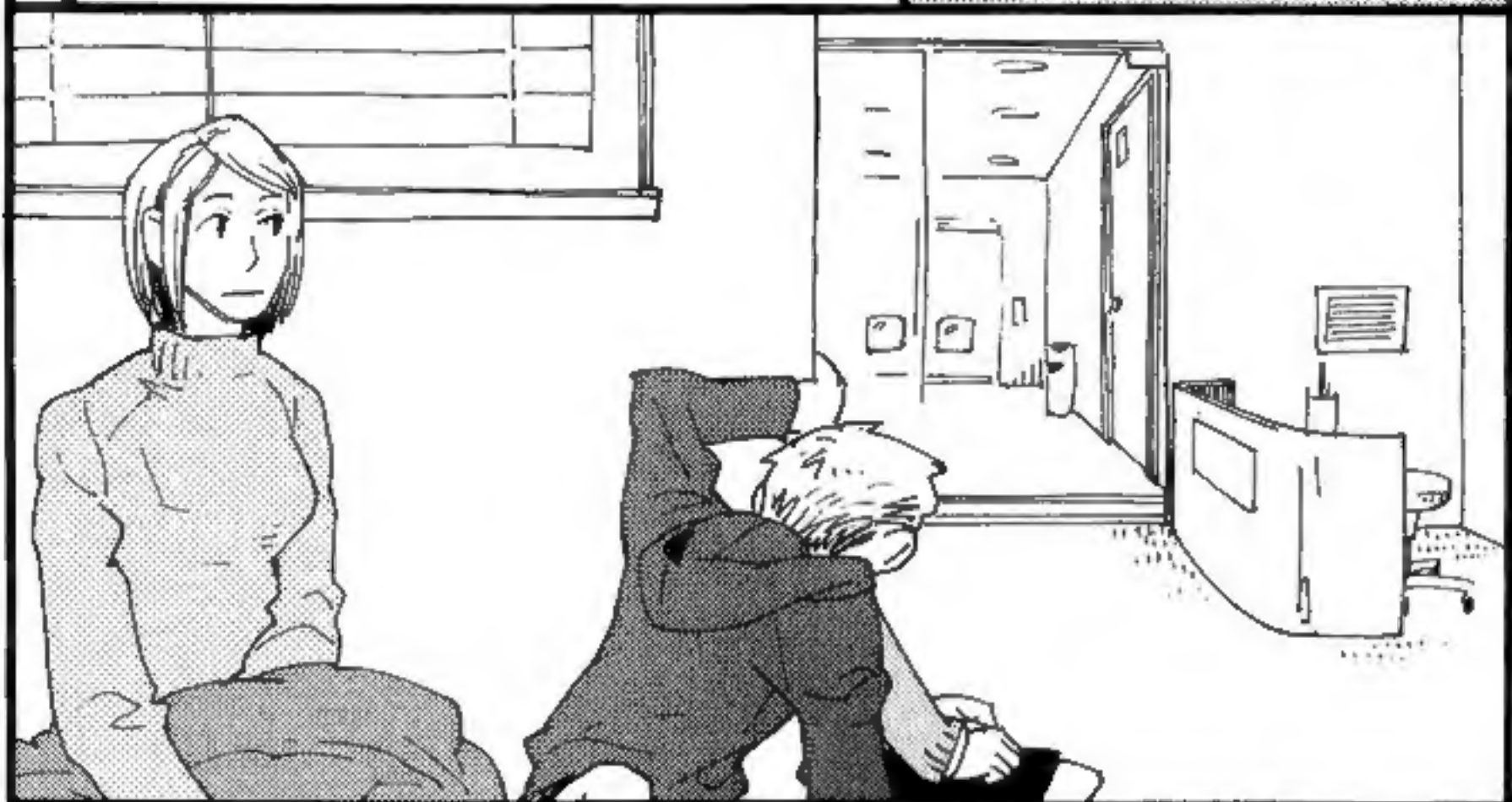
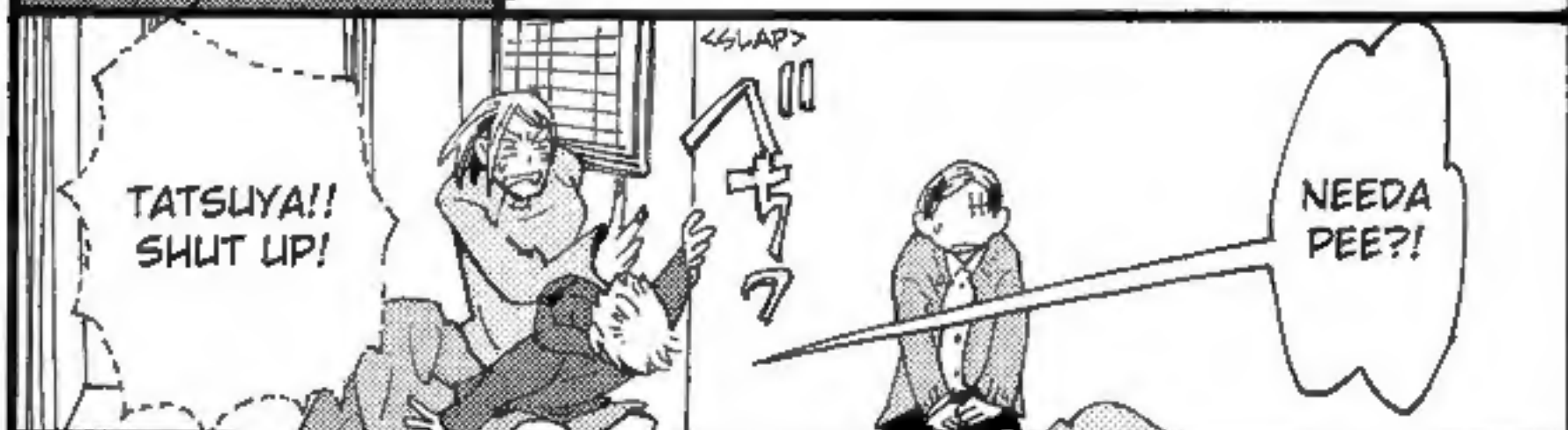
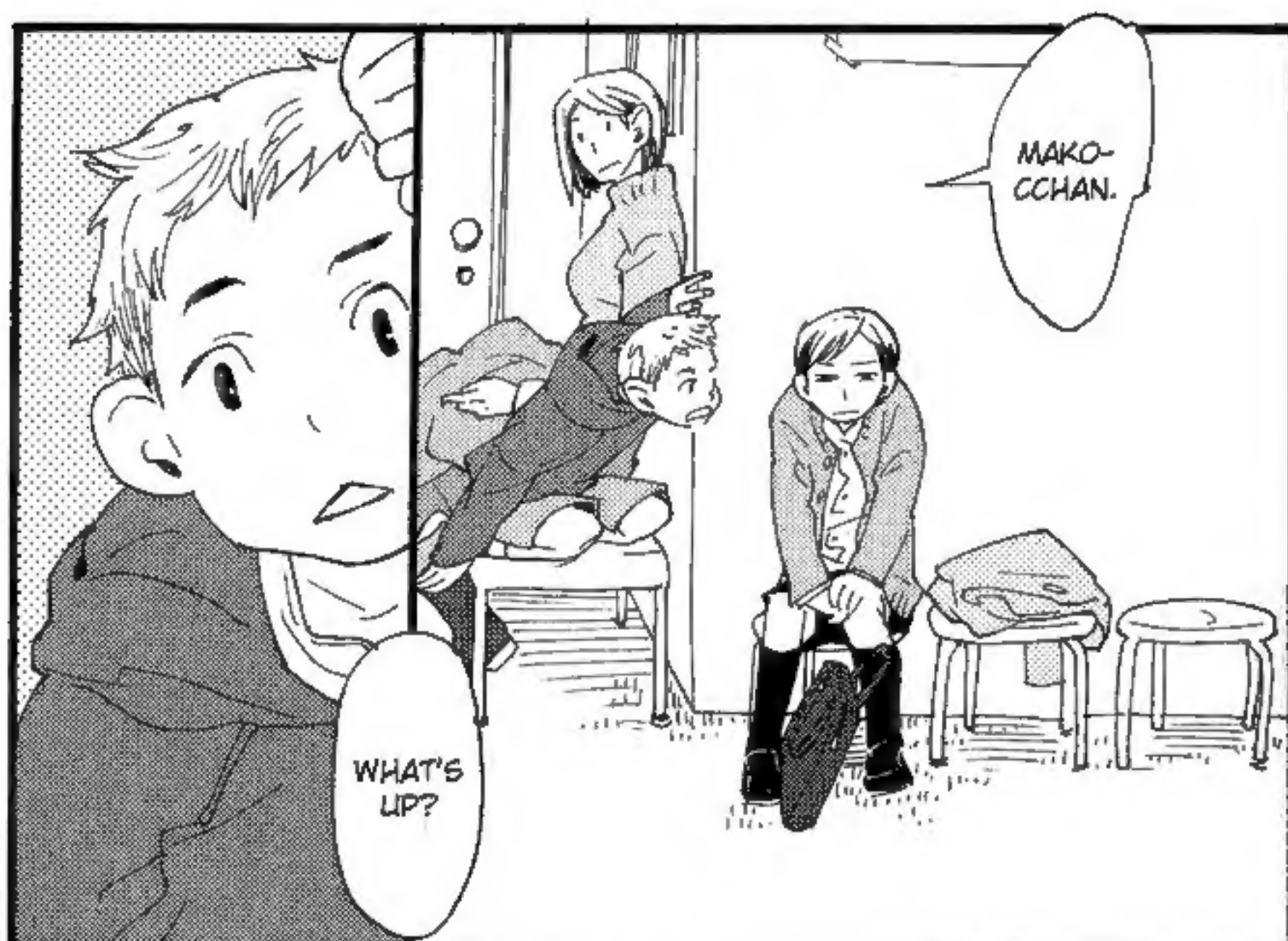


*Spring  
Fingertips*



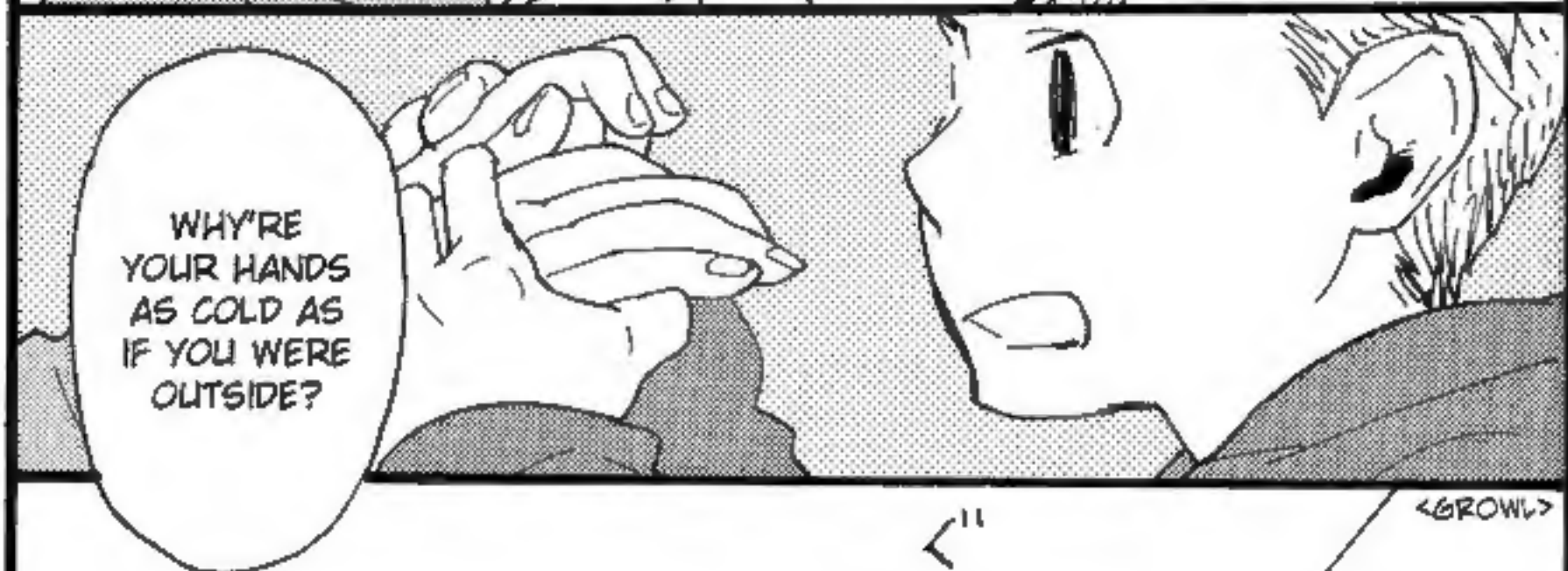
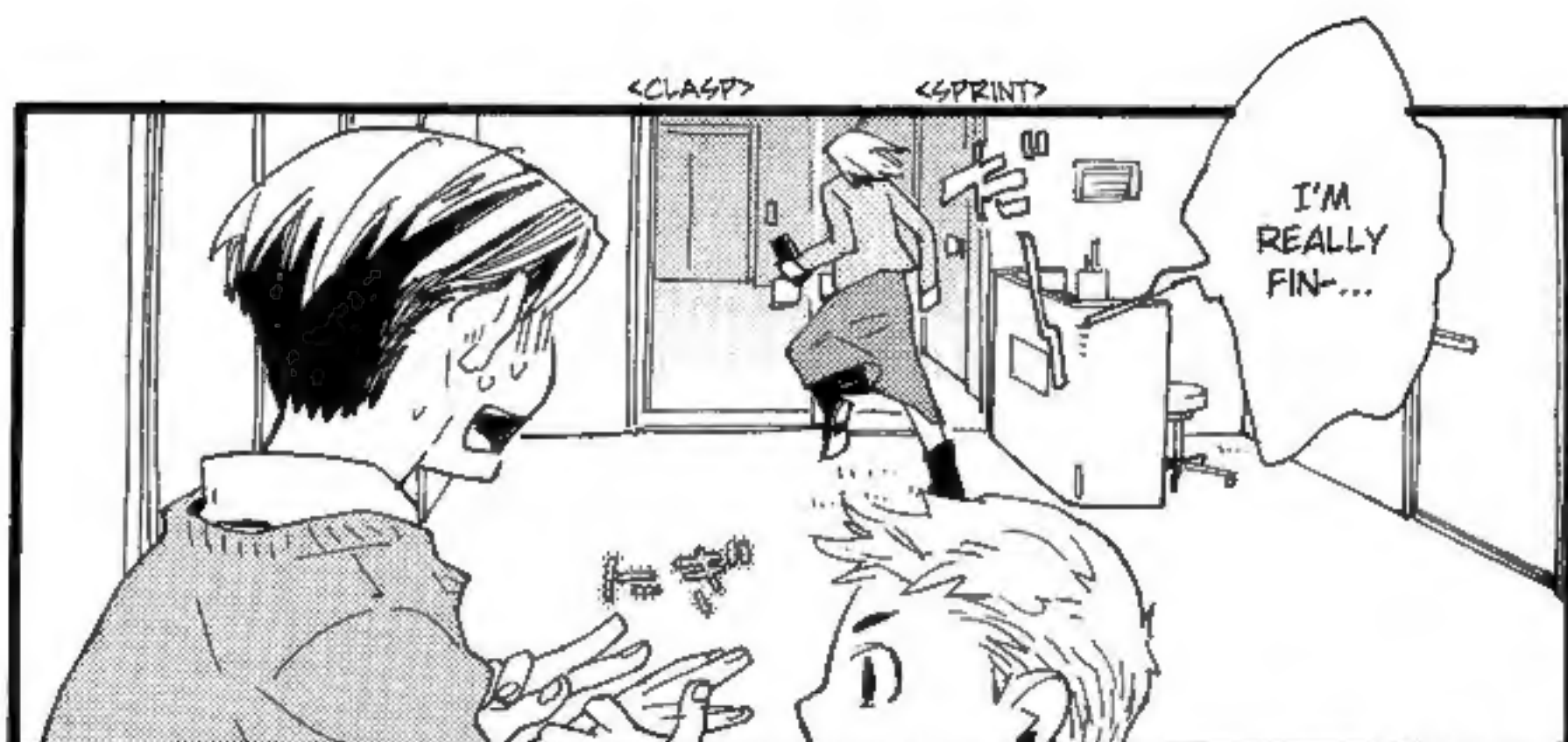




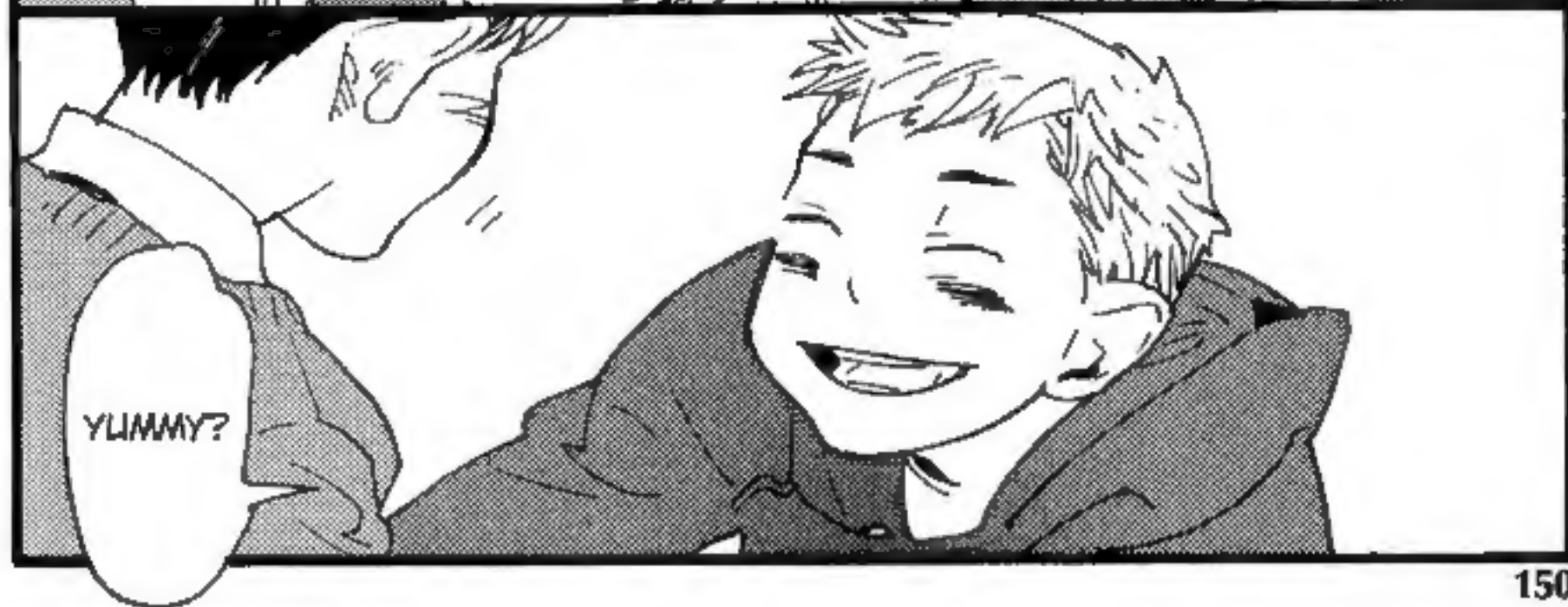
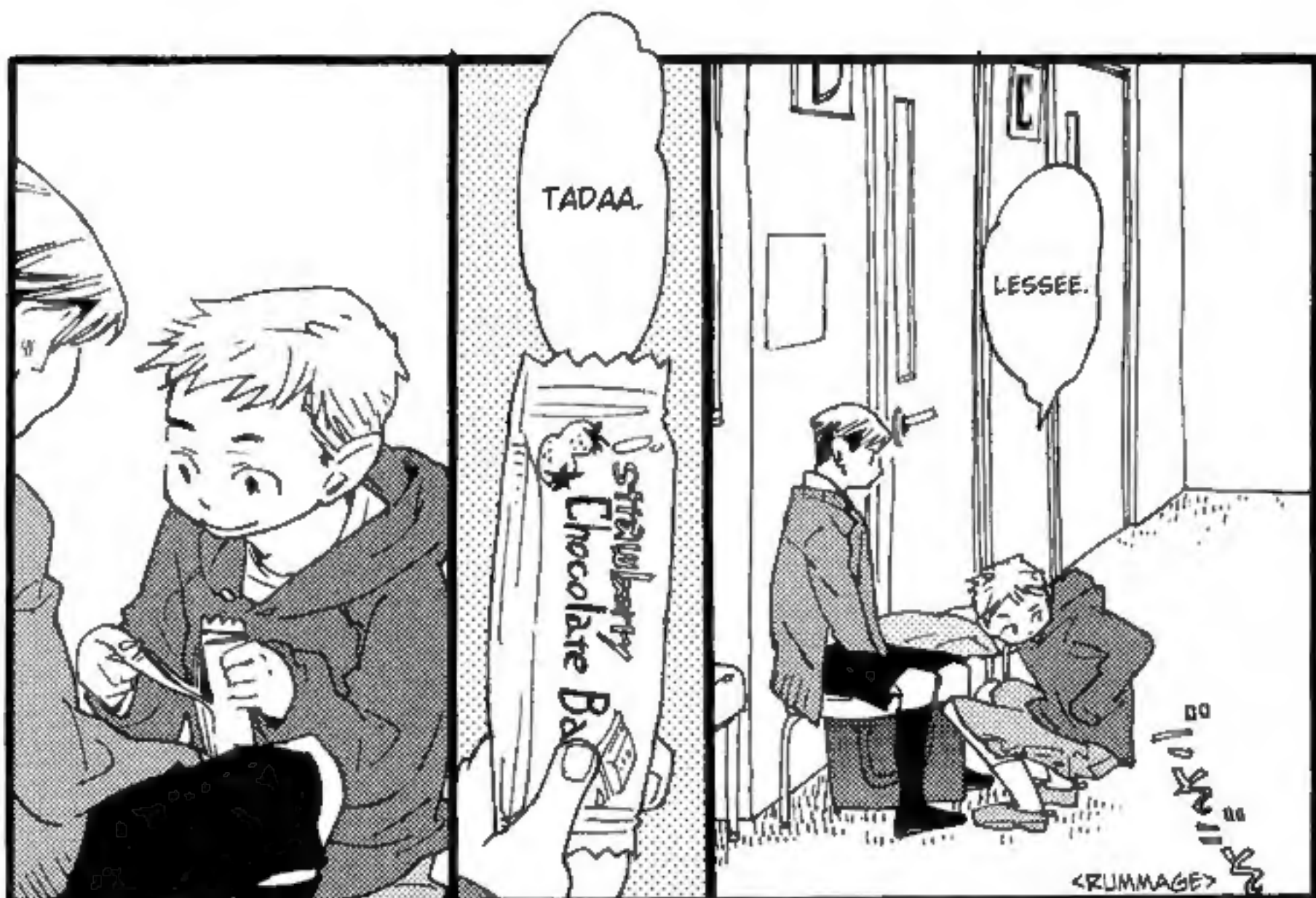






















ALTHOUGH  
I ONLY DROPPED  
DOWN A GRADE  
ONCE, I COULD  
NEVER GET BACK  
INTO THE SAME  
CLASS AS YOU  
AGAIN.

OH...

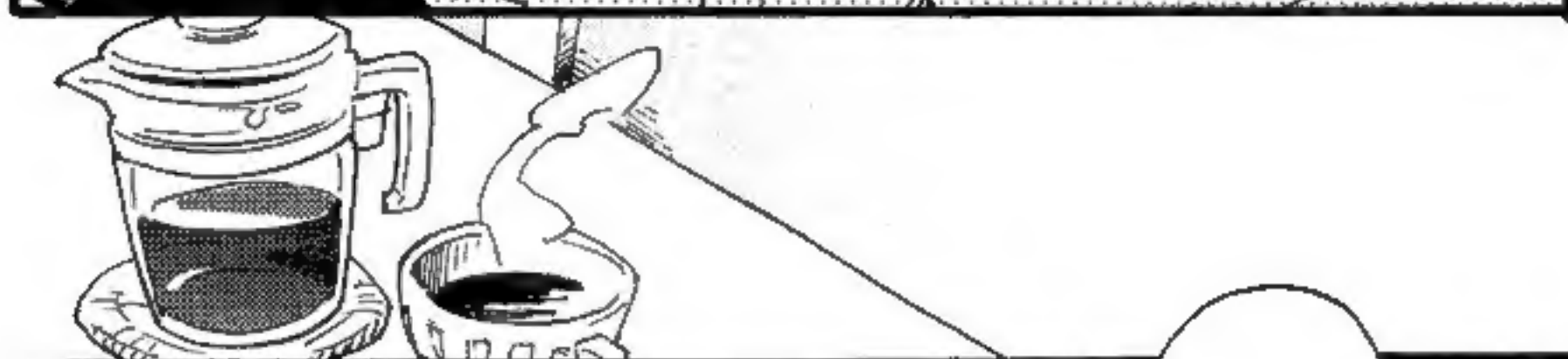
SO  
I DROPPED  
DOWN THE  
ONE AFTER  
THIS.

I WAS SO  
SHOCKED.



SO SAYS  
MISTER  
COMPOSER.

IF  
I DROPPED  
DOWN A  
GRADE TOO,  
WE COULD  
HAVE BEEN  
TOGETHER.







IT'S  
MORE FUN  
JUST BEING  
WITH YOU,  
MAKOCCHAN.

YOU  
SHOULD BE  
GIVING HER  
LESSONS.  
YOU'VE  
GRADUATED  
FROM A MUSIC  
COLLEGE,  
HAVEN'T  
YOU?



I BROUGHT  
YOU HERE  
BECAUSE YOU  
SAID THAT  
DURING THAT  
DRIVE LAST  
MONTH...

HUH?

AGAIN?

I  
FORGOT.

AFTER  
ALL,



IS  
AUNTIE  
DOING  
WELL?

SHE'S  
SAYS SHE'LL  
BE BUSY WITH  
HER SWIMMING  
LESSONS'  
EXAMS, SO  
SHE HASN'T  
DROPPED  
BY.

YUP.

OH.

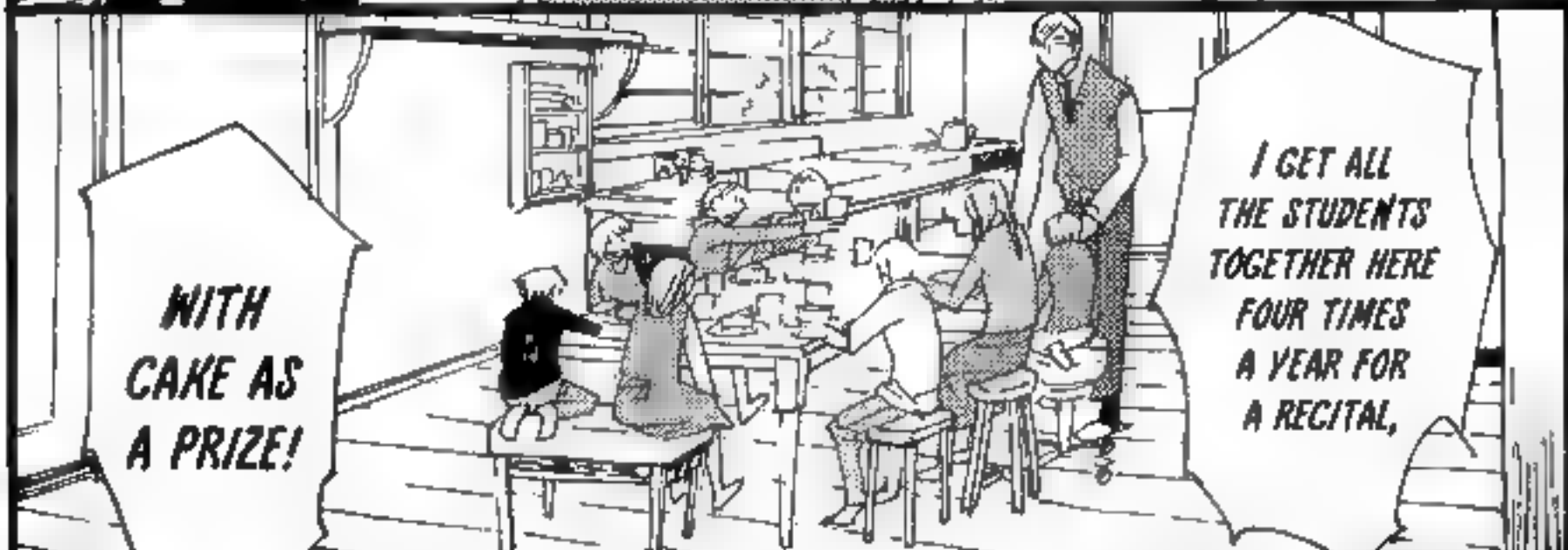
SOLV-  
ENIRS.

Oh.

THERE  
AREN'T ANY  
EXAMS FOR  
THE PIANO  
LESSONS  
HERE, ARE  
THERE.

I'VE  
LOVED MY  
CHILDHOOD  
FRIEND  
SINCE  
I WAS  
YOUNG.







ONE WHITE  
BEANS  
ONE GREEN  
PEAS WITH  
RICE

LOVE  
COCOAATE



DO  
I SAY  
THAT  
I LOVE  
YOU



I AM  
NOT  
SAD  
ANY

PLEASE  
LOVE

IT'S  
SO ALL  
OVER



None  
in mine  
either.

Sir, there's  
no quail eggs  
in my chop  
suey.



YUP.

MAKO-  
CCHAN,  
DO YOU  
LIKE  
QUAIL?

in Grade 4

OR  
POTTED  
PLANTS.

**BUT!**

ROOT  
ROT

EXTRA  
SERVICE

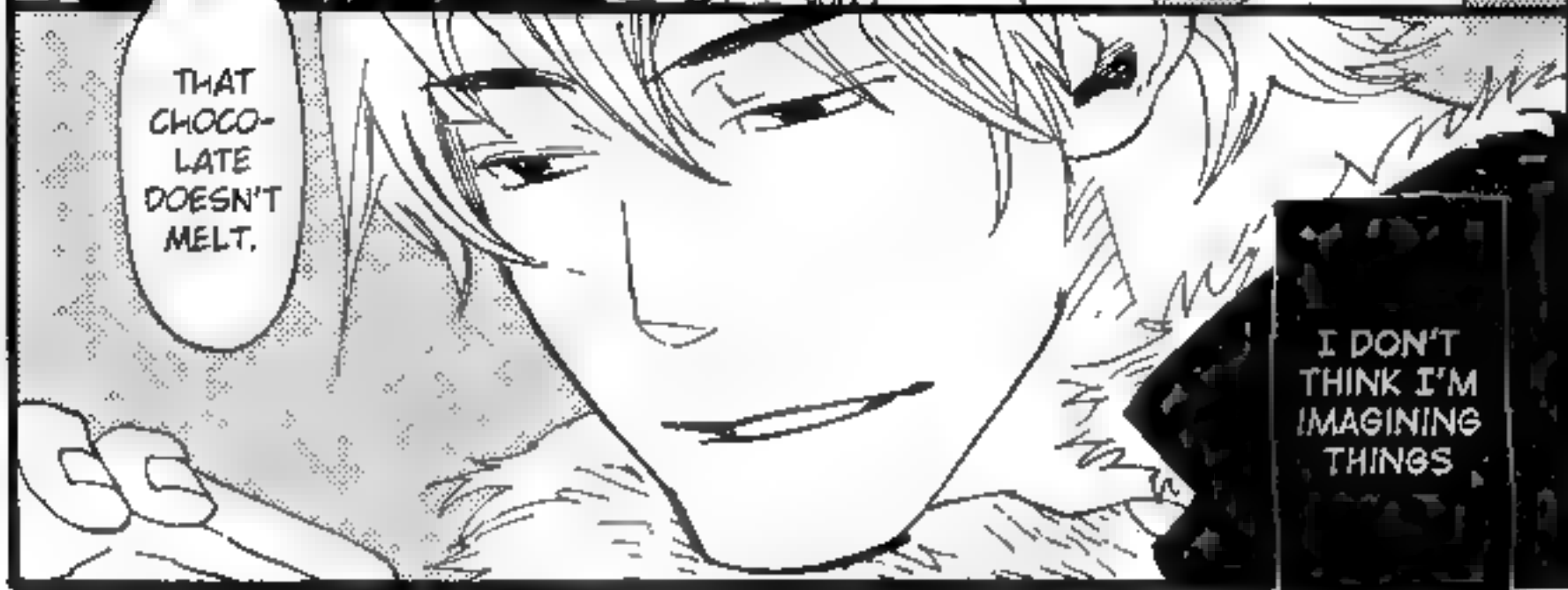
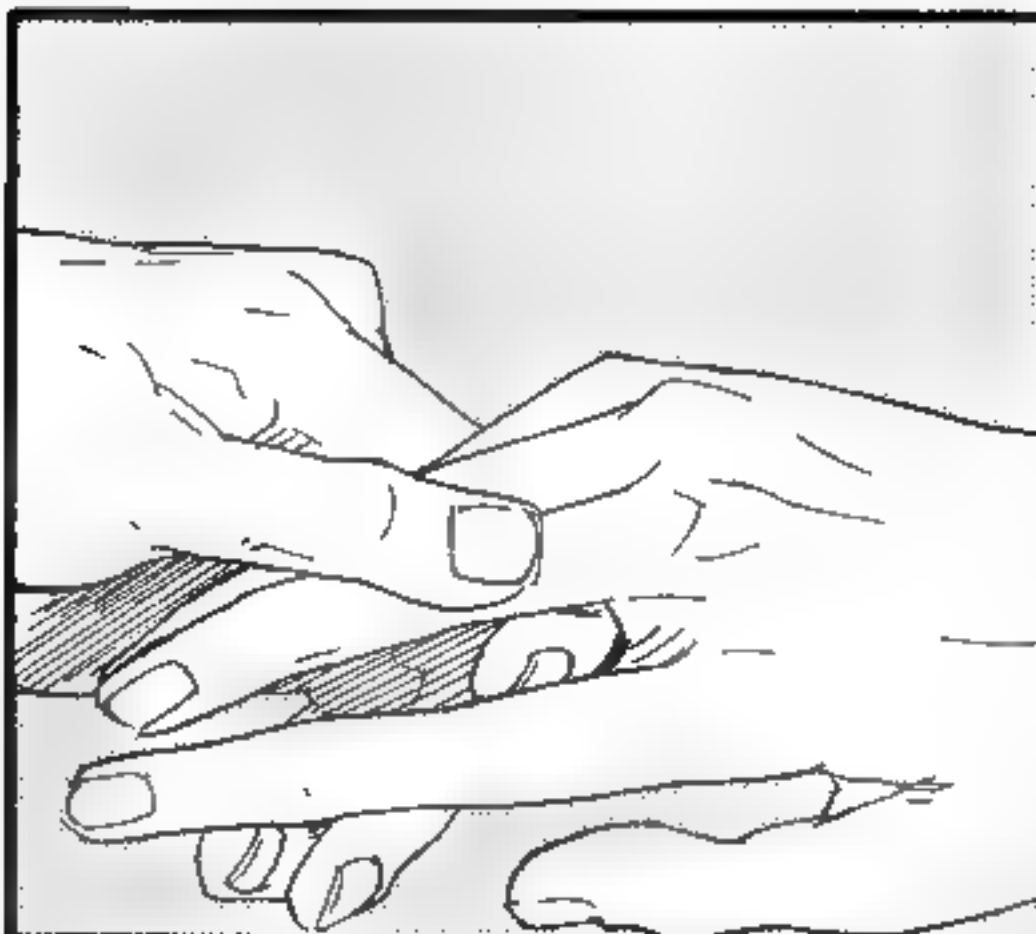
in Grade 5

DESIGN: MAKOTO TSUDA

SHUT  
UP.

**BUT!**

BUT  
LATELY,



I DON'T  
THINK I'M  
IMAGINING  
THINGS



WHEN  
I FEEL  
THAT I'M  
BEING  
SEEN  
STRAIGHT  
THROUGH.

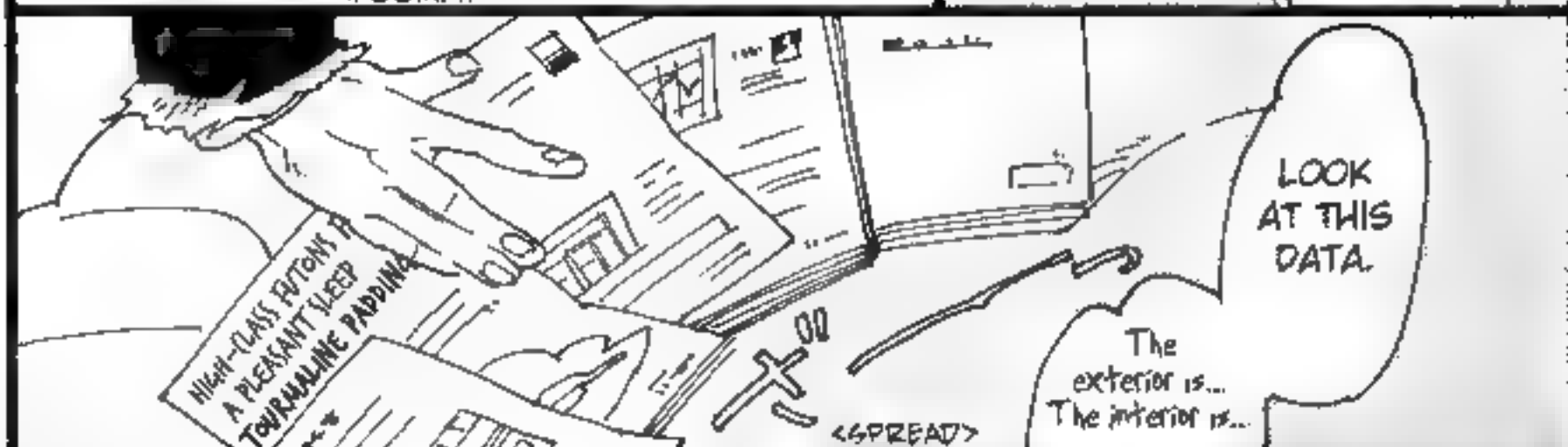
IT'S  
BECAUSE  
I WAS  
HOLDING  
ONTO THE  
CUP.

Fu  
fu  
fu.

I DON'T  
NEED IT!!

TODAY,  
I HAVE THE  
PERFECT  
THING  
FOR SUCH  
A MAKO-  
CCHAN...

THIS  
IS THE  
REASON.





OR  
WHATEVER  
MULTI-LEVEL  
MARKETING  
GOODS  
YOU'VE GOT  
NEXT!

特別価格

40,500円

DON'T  
COME HERE  
SELLING  
YOUR  
24 HOUR  
CYCLIC  
BATHS,

I'LL GIVE  
IT TO  
YOU FOR  
40,000  
IF YOU  
BECOME A  
MEMBER.

THIS IS THE  
DEFINITION  
OF PYRAMID  
SELLING!

SINCE  
I WAS  
A  
CHILD,

BUT  
THIS FUTON  
REALLY IS  
AMAZING!

YOUR  
CONDITION  
IMPROVEMENT  
MACHINES

IN THE  
FIRST PLACE,  
YOUR COMPANY  
PROHIBITS  
SIDE JOBS,  
DOESN'T IT?!

HE'S  
CAUSED ME  
TROUBLE  
TIME  
AND TIME  
AGAIN.

BECAUSE OF  
TATSUYA'S  
MISGUIDED  
KINDNESS,

DESPITE  
ALL THAT,  
I WAS

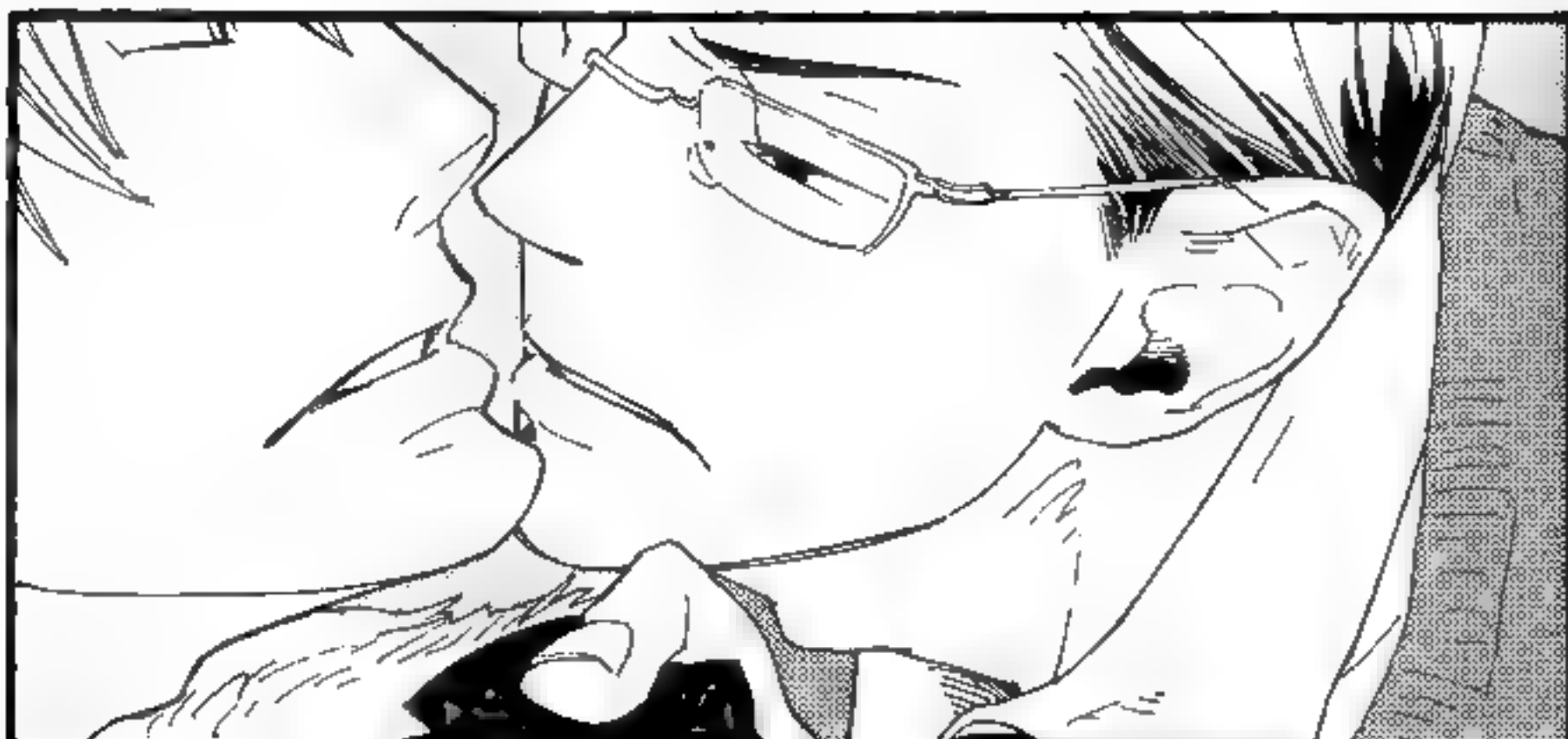
IF YOU  
KEEP DOING  
THIS KIND OF  
THING, NO ONE  
WILL WANT TO  
EVER WANT  
TO KEEP YOU  
COMPANY!









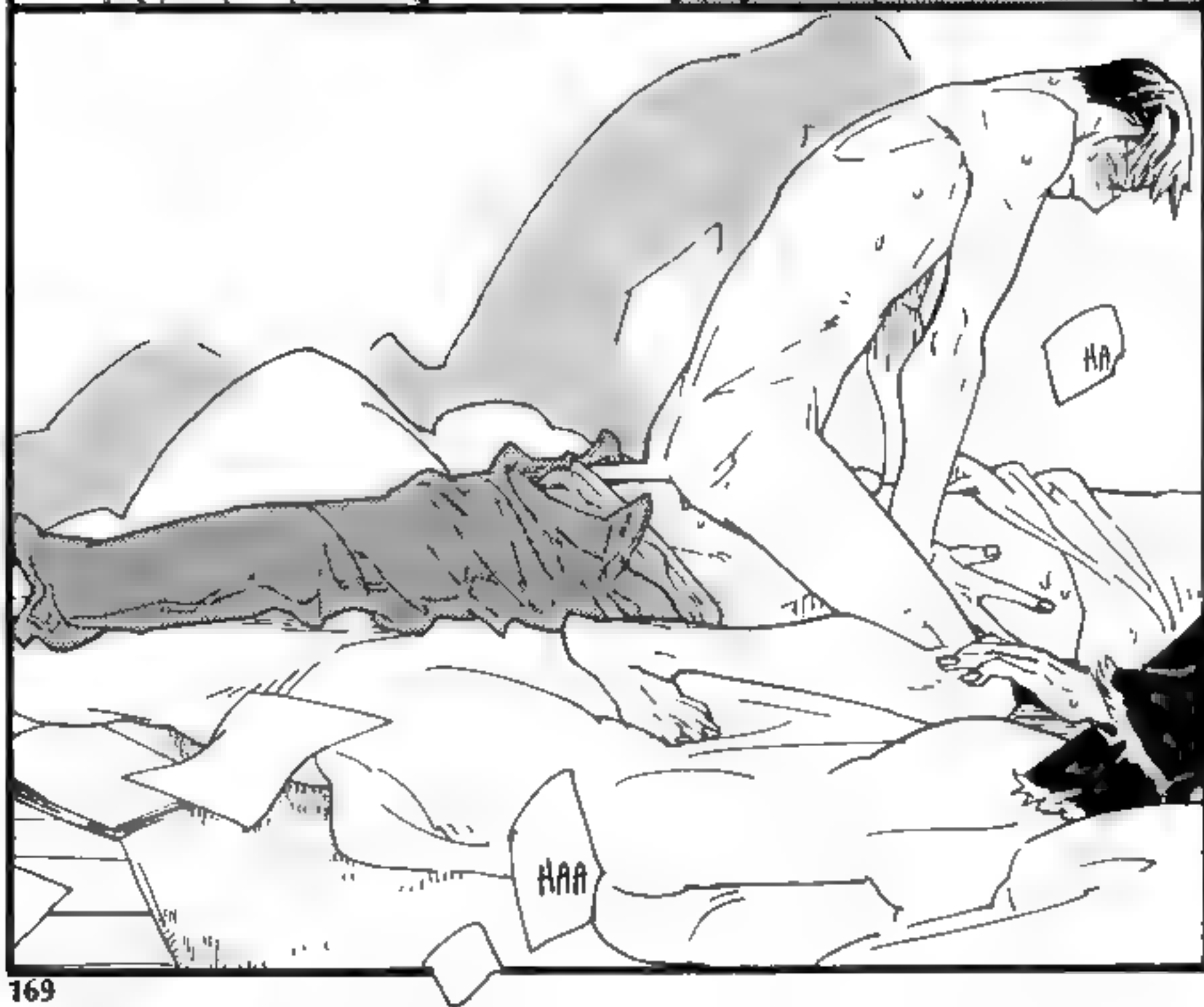


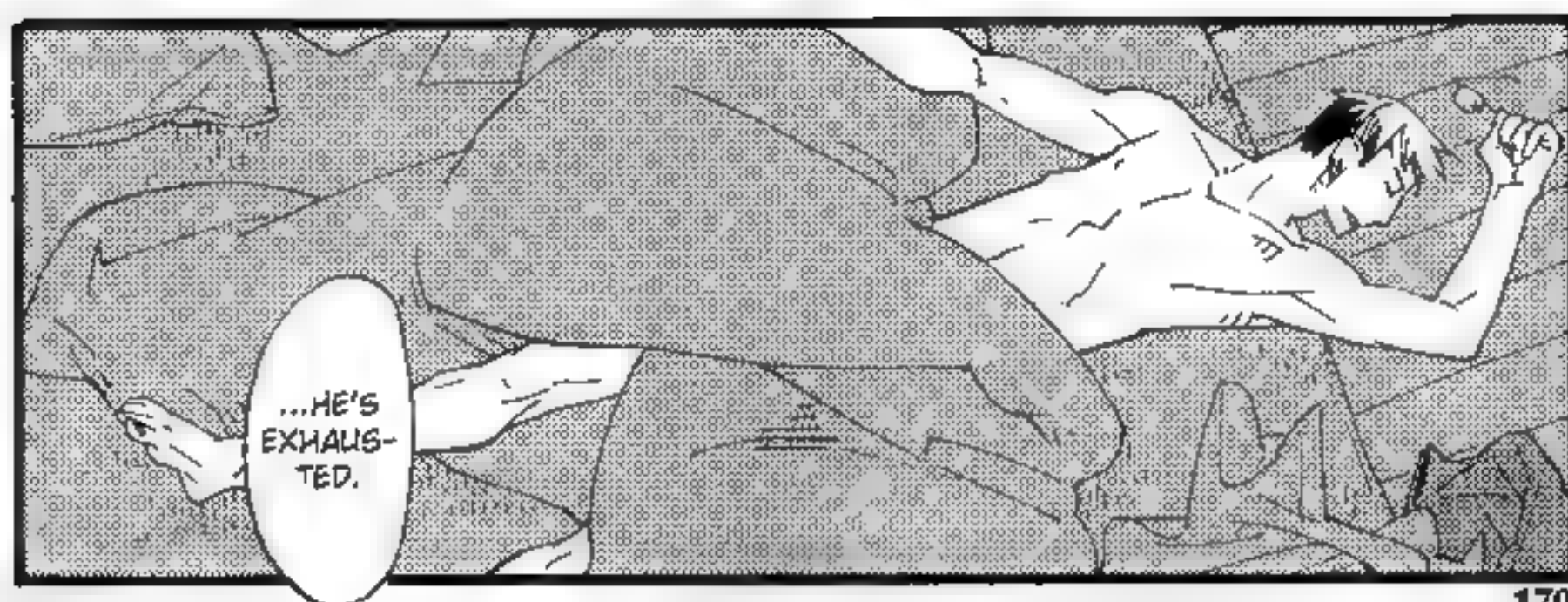
<THUD>

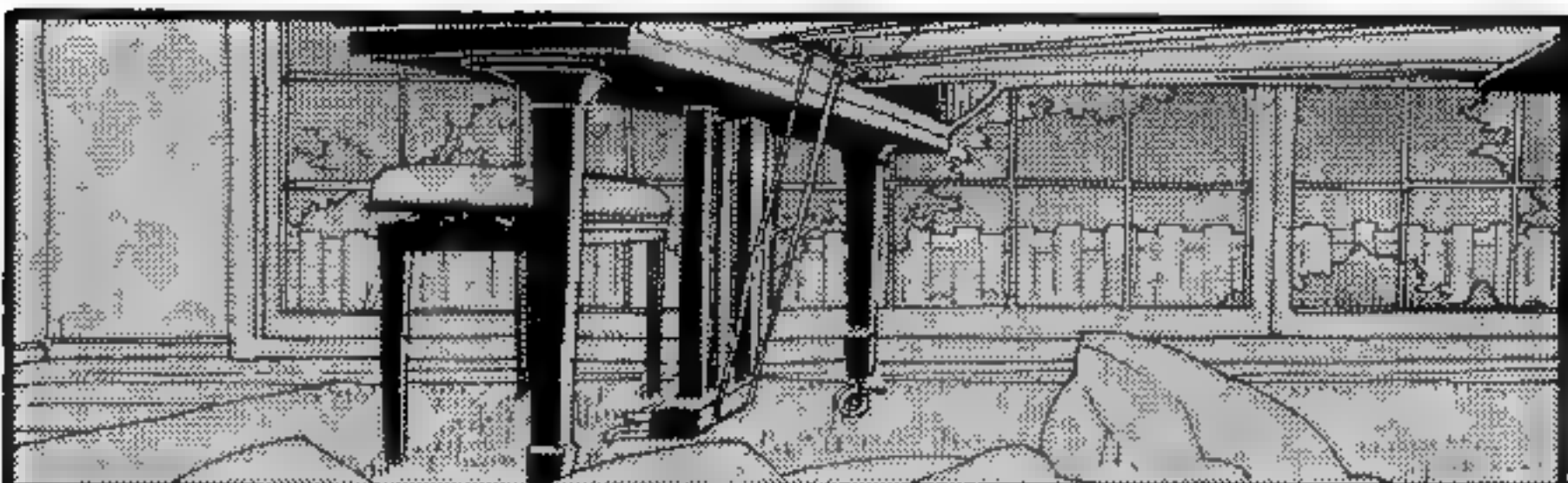




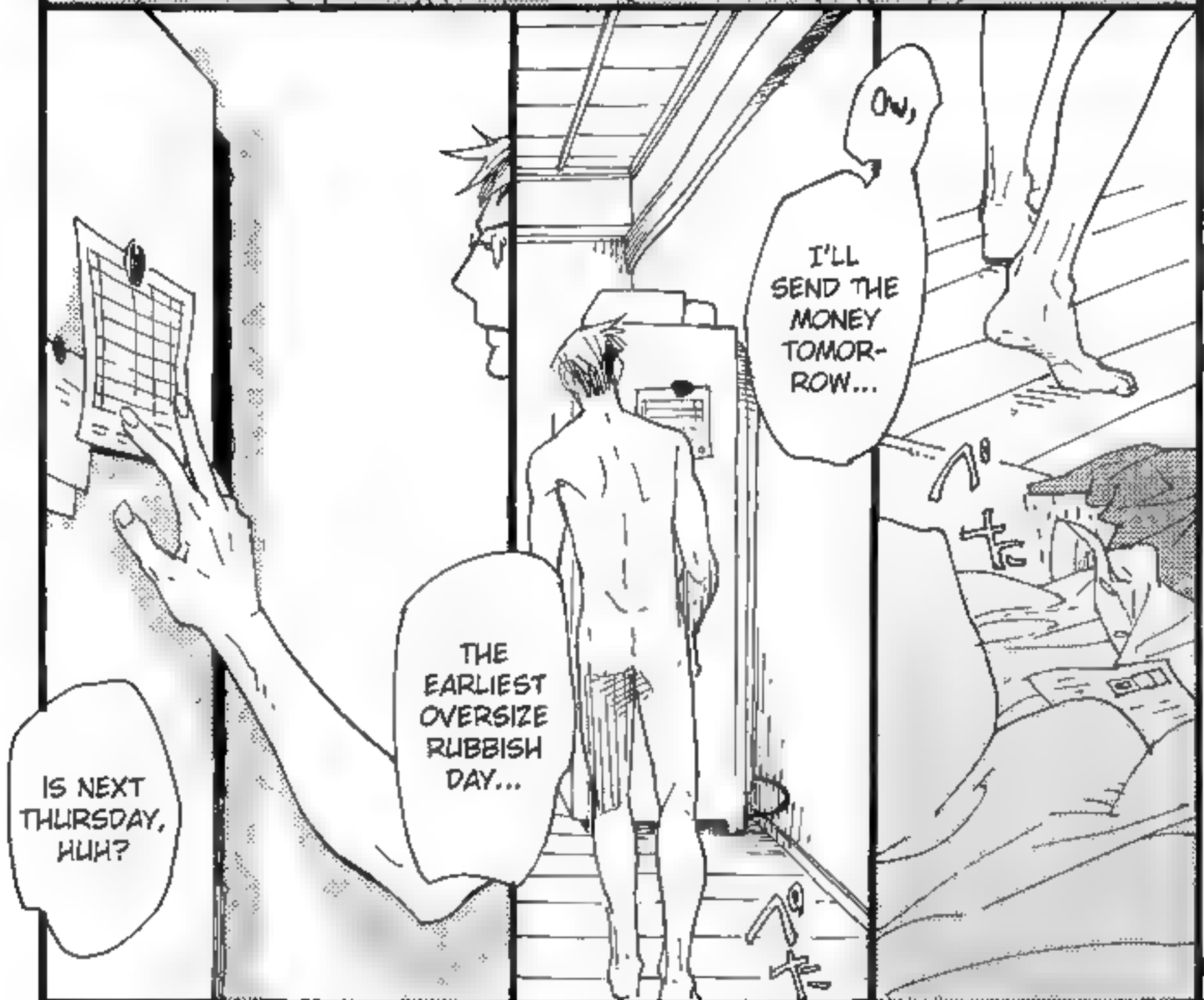
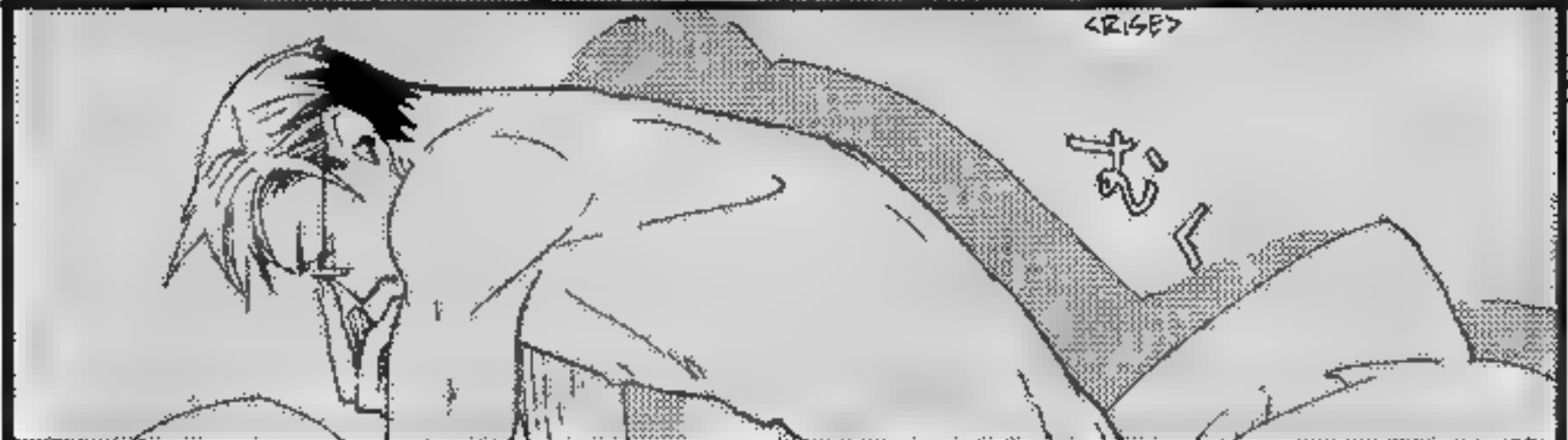








<RISE>



<PAD>

<PAD>



I WOULD  
 LIKE TO  
 SEE  
 THE  
 FUTURE  
 ONE.



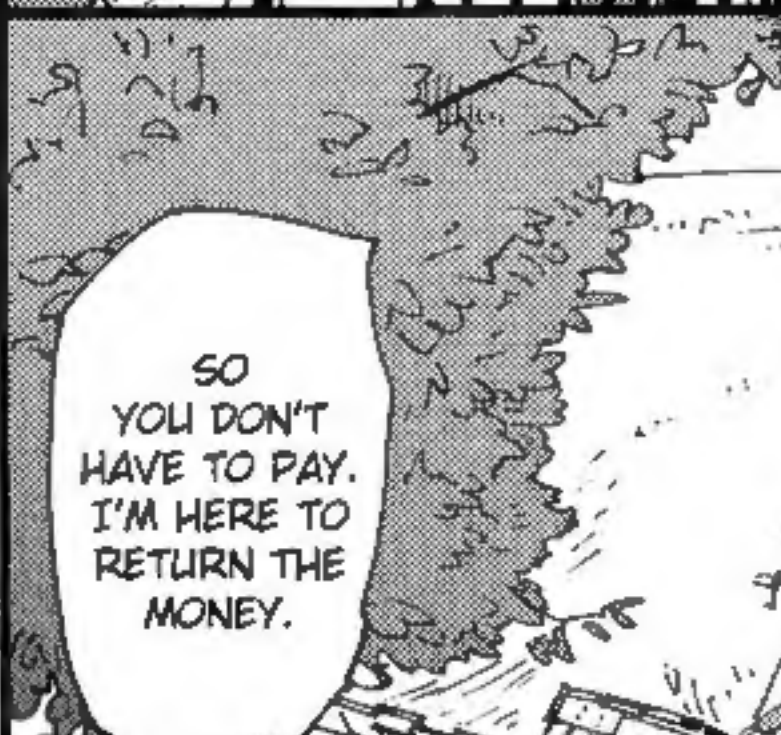
IT'S  
 SOME  
 SPROUT



MAKO-  
CCHAN!



I CAN DEFIN-  
ITELY  
FORGET.



SO  
YOU DON'T  
HAVE TO PAY.  
I'M HERE TO  
RETURN THE  
MONEY.



THE FUTON  
COMPANY  
WENT  
BANKRUPT.









HADN'T  
THOUGHT  
THAT FAR,

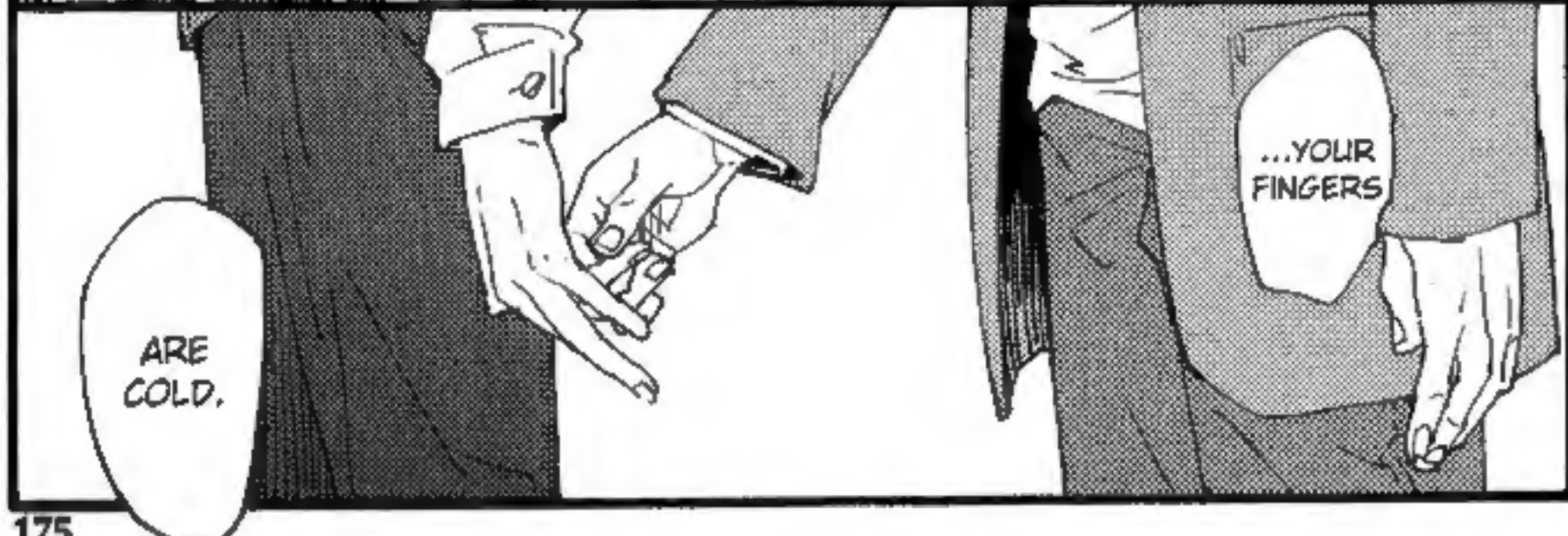
I...

SO  
IT SUR-  
PRISED  
ME.



I  
JUST...

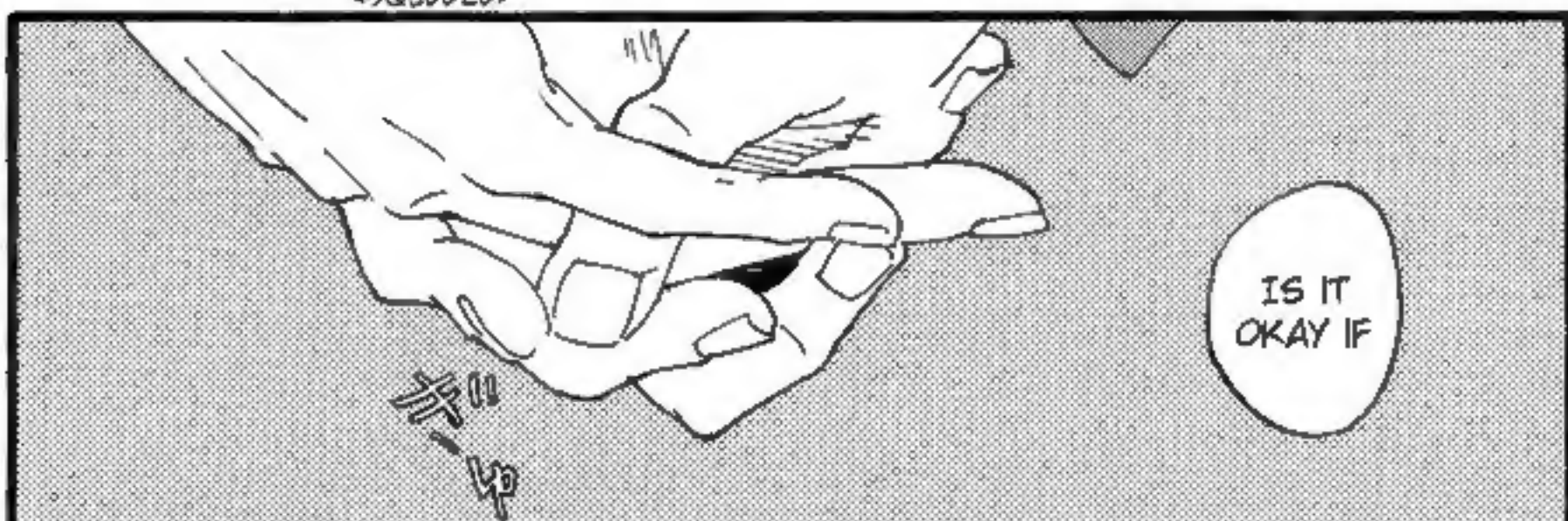
ALWAYS  
WANT TO  
SEE YOU  
HAPPY,  
MAKOCCHAN  
...



ARE  
COLD.

...YOUR  
FINGERS

<<SQUEEZE>>



IS IT  
OKAY IF



I WARM  
THEM UP?



...ngh.

sniffle

O-

Don't cry,  
Makocchan!

The END